Sl. No.	Name of the Country	Number of workers detained in jails			Action taken by the Mission
		1986	1987	1988(till March' 89)	
15.	Singapore . . .	678	465	696	Most of the Indians are imprisoned for immigration offences and for working illegally. They are generally released after the short term of imprisonment. The Embassy approaches the Singapore authorities for early release of the detainees and their repartriation to India. 682 Indians were released in 1988.
16.	Thailand . . .	1986 to 1988		48	The Embassy provided all possible assistance for the defence of the prisoners in court cases and for their early release from jail. 37 Indian nationals were released during the year 1988.
17.	United Kingdom . .	1986 to 1988		291	291 Indian nationals are in different jails. There is no seperate category of Indian workers in jails. The Mission is in touch with the Foreign & Commonwealth office.
18.	United Arab Emirates .	3432	4050	1663	2257 Indians have been repatriated by the Embassy.
19.	People Democratic Republic of Yemen . . .	—	3	4	The Mission is in touch with the local authorities for the release of its detainees.

NOTE : There are no Indian workers in jails in countries not listed above.

Allocation of funds to autonomous colleges by UGC in Andhra Pradesh

*131. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the funds allocated to the autonomous colleges by University Grants Commission in Andhra Pradesh and the reasons therefor; ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give funds to such institutions through State Government Deptts.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The details of funds allocated to autonomous colleges in Andhra Pradesh by the University Grants Commission during the VII Plan are given in the attached statement (*see* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 72). The grants are released, keeping in view the proposal made by the colleges and the financial pattern approved by the Commission for autonomous colleges.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise

(d) The University Grants Commission pays grants directly to Universities and Colleges which are eligible to receive Central assistance under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

Impounding of Air India Aircraft Beas at Lagos Airport

*132. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inquiry Commission set up to enquire into the impounding of Air India aircraft "Beas" at Lagos airport by the Nigerian Government in August, 1987 has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) One A-310 aircraft of Air-India operating flight AI 203 on 25-8-87 was detailed at Lagos as the customs officials of Nigeria claimed to have found hard drugs in some pieces of unclaimed baggage inside the aircraft. In this connection, a high level Government delegation conducted long negotiations in Lagos and eventually arrived at a mutually acceptable solution. The aircraft and the crew members were then released and cases on either side were withdrawn. Air-India suffered loss of some revenue on account of impounding of the aircraft.

The matter is receiving appropriate attention.

Fares increased by Indian Airlines

*133. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has increased domestic fares recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many times Indian Airlines has increased its domestic fares during the last three years; and

(d) whether any study has been conducted with regard to fare structures of other domestic Airlines as compared to fares of Indian Airlines and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for increase in domestic fares are as follows:—

(i) Rise in material costs and wages;

(ii) Increase in navigational and other charges;

(iii) Increase in food costs;

(iv) Financing purchase of A-320 aircraft;

(v) Rise in US dollar rate;

(vi) Increase in other costs.

(c) During the last 3 years (from the financial year 1986-87 till date) Indian Airlines has increased its domestic fares three times.

(d) Comparison of Indian Airlines' fares with the fares of other domestic airlines reveals that the fares of Indian Airlines are amongst the lowest in the world. A statement of some comparative fares, as per information available, is attached. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 73)